CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEMBERS



Karl E. Longley, Chair Category: Water Quality

Term Expires: September 30, 2009

Dr. Longley, of Fresno, was appointed to the Regional Water Board in December 1999. He is the former Dean of Engineering and Computer Science at California State University, Fresno, and he is currently a research engineer with the California Water Institute. From 1993 to 1996, he served as the Chair of the California Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region. Dr. Longley served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1981 as an Environmental Engineer Officer and Lieutenant Colonel. He is a member of the American Water Works Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the International Association for Water Quality, the Nature Conservancy, and the Water Environment Federation. Dr. Longley earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New Mexico, and a Master of Science degree and Doctorate degree from the Johns Hopkins University.



Katherine Hart, Vice-Chair

Category: Recreation, Fish or Wildlife Term Expires: September 30, 2008

Ms. Hart was appointed to the Regional Water Board in October, 2005. Ms. Hart is an associate with Abbott & Kinderman LLP in Sacramento; her legal practice focuses on land use and environmental issues for public and private entities. She is a graduate of Santa Clara University and received her law degree from McGeorge School of Law. She is a member of the Sacramento Valley Conservancy Board of Trustees, Trout Unlimited and CalTrout. She lives in Granite Bay with her husband and three step-children.

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Paul Betancourt, Member Category: Irrigated Agriculture Term Expires: September 30, 2008

Mr. Betancourt, of Kerman, has been managing partner of VF Farms since 1983, a family farming operation. He also writes a monthly column on agriculture and urban issues for the Fresno Business Journal. He is a member of the Kerman Unified School Board, Fresno County Farm Bureau, Valley Clean Air Now Board and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District-Community Advisory Committee.



Cheryl K. Maki, Member Category: Water Quality Term Expires: September 18, 2010

Ms. Maki, of Auburn, has served as the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Maki Heating and Air Conditioning since 1983. Ms. Maki previously served two terms on the Auburn City Council, including two years as the Mayor of Auburn in 1997 and 2004. She is a member of the Sierra Business Council and the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce.



Sandra O. Meraz, Member Category: Water Supply Term Expires: September 18, 2010

Ms. Meraz, of Alpaugh, has served as the Vice President of the Tulare County Water Works District since 2006, where she previously served as President from 1998 to 2006. She also founded the Committee for a Better Alpaugh in 2000, where she successfully lobbied for government funding to bring clean water to Alpaugh's public water system. Previously, Ms. Meraz served on the Alpaugh Unified School District Board from 1997 to 1998.

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Soapy Mulholland, Member Category: Undesignated (Public) Term Expires: September 30, 2009

Ms. Mulholland, of Springville, has served as the Executive Director of the Sequoia Riverlands Trust since 2002. Ms. Mulholland was previously Interim Executive Director for the Economic Development Corporation of Tulare County from 1998 to 1999. She is also the owner and operator of River Valley Ranch, McCarthy Creek Ranch and Quail Run Ranch. Ms. Mulholland is a former member of the Occupational and Health Standards Board.



Dan Odenweller, Member Category: County Government Term Expires: September 30, 2011

Mr. Odenweller, of Stockton, most recently served as a fishery biologist and manager in the Habitat Conservation Division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries from 2001 to 2004. Mr. Odenweller previously served with the California Department of Fish and Game from 1971 to 2001, retiring as a Senior Fishery Biologist. He is a member of the American Fisheries Society, the Sierra Club and Delta Flyfishers.